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## Highlights

- Producers in the State intend to plant the largest crop of corn since 1960 when 1.12 million acres were planted.
- Mississippi cotton farmers are expected to plant only 740,000 acres, the lowest planted acreage since the 1983 record low of 687,000 acres.
- For the first time in 49 years, farmers in Mississippi intend to plant more corn than cotton.

## March 1, 2007, Crop Acreage Intentions, with Comparisons Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted 2006	To Be Planted 2007 <sup>1</sup>	2007/2006
	1,000 Acres		Percent
<b>Mississippi</b>			
Soybean	1,670	1,550	93
All Cotton	1,230	740	60
All Rice	190	180	95
Sorghum, All Purposes	15	100	667
Corn, All Purposes	340	950	279
All Hay <sup>2</sup>	780	800	103
Winter Wheat <sup>3</sup>	85	350	412
Sweetpotatoes	18.0	17.0	94
Peanuts <sup>4</sup>	17.0	17.0	100
<b>United States</b>			
Soybeans	75,522	67,140	89
All Cotton	15,274	12,147	80
All Rice	2,838	2,644	93
Sorghum, All Purposes	6,522	7,109	109
Corn, All Purposes	78,327	90,454	115
All Hay <sup>2</sup>	60,807	63,056	104
Winter Wheat <sup>3</sup>	40,575	44,505	110
Sweetpotatoes	95.6	92.9	97
Peanuts	1,243.0	1,197.0	96

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area harvested 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>3</sup> Winter Wheat was planted last fall.

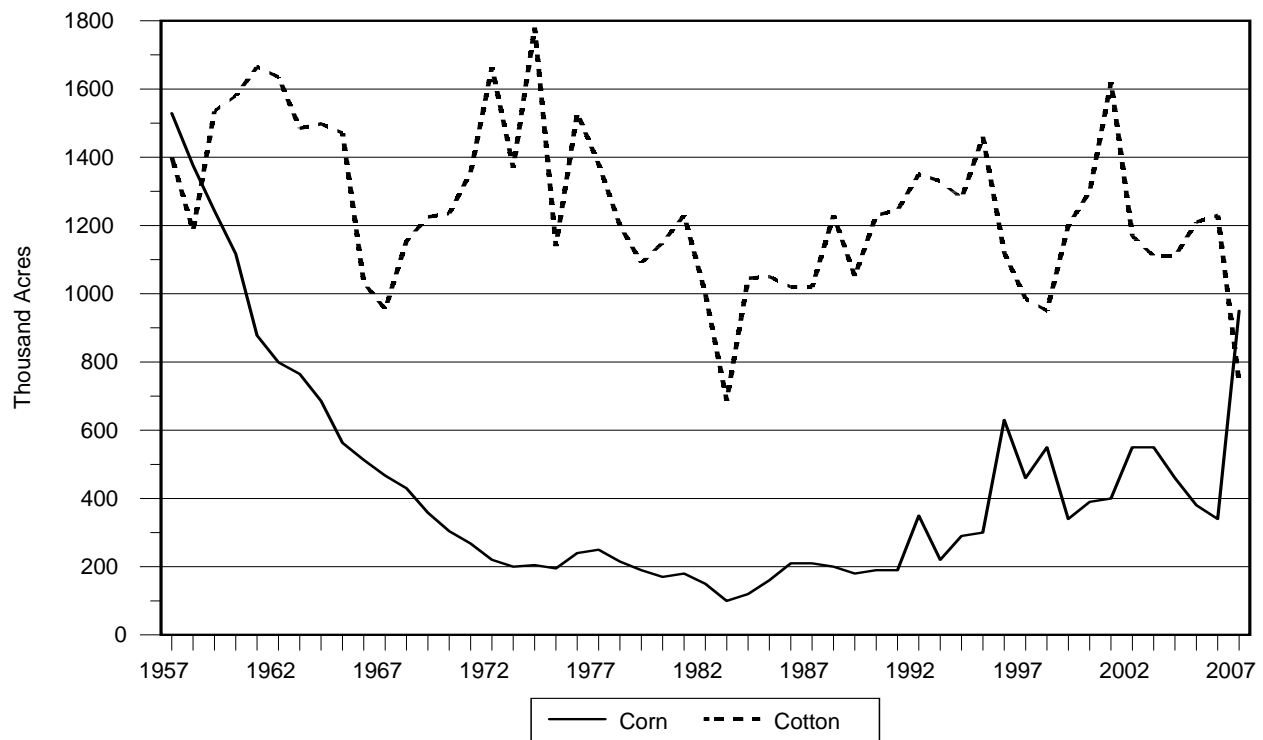
<sup>4</sup> Estimates began in 2005.

## Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2006-2007

Crop	2006			2007		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
1,000 Bushels						
<b>Mississippi</b>						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	15,991	*	*	9,426	*
Oats		*	*	*	*	*
Sorghum	*	127	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	6,990	*	*	4,378	*
<b>United States</b>						
Wheat, All	256,000	716,215	972,215	192,450	663,320	855,770
Corn	4,055,000	2,932,328	6,987,328	3,330,000	2,739,692	6,069,692
Oats	42,200	32,673	74,873	33,900	37,127	71,027
Sorghum	26,200	166,936	193,136	17,100	125,094	142,194
Soybeans	872,000	797,206	1,669,206	910,000	874,276	1,784,276

<sup>1</sup> "Off farms unallocated" includes state data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "On farms unallocated" includes minor producing states' data not published separately.

## Mississippi Corn and Cotton Planted, 1957-2006 and 2007 Intentions



**Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) and Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight  
Bales Ginned, Upland Cotton, Selected States and United States, Crop Years 2005-2006**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned by Crop Year		Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales	
	2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2006
Alabama	831,750	668,600	857,200	691,600
Arkansas	2,099,700	2,419,500	2,153,600	2,475,450
Florida	112,100	148,150	115,750	153,250
Georgia	2,101,650	2,285,750	2,164,500	2,358,150
Louisiana	1,105,650	1,257,000	1,130,500	1,278,750
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2,089,300</b>	<b>2,029,450</b>	<b>2,137,950</b>	<b>2,079,750</b>
Missouri	864,400	994,100	884,350	1,015,450
North Carolina	1,398,300	1,257,600	1,454,500	1,306,600
Oklahoma	341,000	183,750	346,000	187,400
South Carolina	391,500	402,650	401,500	416,650
Tennessee	1,083,250	1,310,900	1,111,100	1,346,400
Texas	8,291,450	5,709,300	8,494,450	5,852,050
Virginia	166,750	141,500	170,700	145,300
<b>United States</b>	<b>22,646,050</b>	<b>20,259,650</b>	<b>23,248,850</b>	<b>20,801,550</b>

<sup>1</sup> There were 68,132 bales included in this report from the 2006 crop which ginner estimated would be ginned after the March survey, compared to 180,283 bales last year. There were 835 active cotton gins for the 2006 crop year compared with 887 active gins for the 2005 crop year.

**Cotton Ginnings: Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2005-2006**

County	Running Bales Ginned		County	Running Bales Ginned	
	2005	2006		2005	2006
Bolivar	184,600	193,100	Holmes	111,000	121,950
Coahoma	243,200	258,200	District 50	190,750	181,800
Quitman	85,100	77,050	District 70	69,750	76,300
Tallahatchie	56,950	<sup>1</sup>			
Tunica	95,200	<sup>1</sup>			
District 10	665,050	528,350			
Calhoun	53,000	37,700			
Panola	87,950	43,900			
District 20	243,250	170,950			
Humphreys	71,450	<sup>1</sup>			
Leflore	175,900	208,950			
Sharkey	86,050	<sup>1</sup>			
Sunflower	130,700	173,950			
Washington	169,100	146,750			
Yazoo	197,200	184,850			
District 40 <sup>2</sup>	830,400	714,500	State Total	2,089,300	2,029,450

<sup>1</sup> Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes some gins' data to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in State total.

## United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, February 2006-2007

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,331	2,848	1.49	1.78	209	212
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	5,109	4,380	2.87	3.24	501	457
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,024	850	1.63	1.82	126	98
Total Fresh	9,464	8,078	2.25	2.57	836	767
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,256	863	2.01	2.27	1,058	1,094
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	11,418	9,117	2.69	3.08	6,838	11,599
Other <sup>2</sup>	5,211	5,142	1.54	1.43	2,376	3,172
Total Frozen	17,885	15,122	2.31	2.47	10,272	15,865
Total Fresh & Frozen	27,349	23,200	2.29	2.51	11,108	16,632

<sup>1</sup> Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

## United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, 2006-2007

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound <sup>1</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2006	2007
	2006	2007	2006	2007		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January <sup>2</sup>	50,703	46,957	50,703	46,957	.727	.838
February	49,145	44,439	99,848	91,396	.729	.838
March	56,315		156,163		.745	
April	43,126		199,289		.785	
May	42,865		242,154		.796	
June	41,214		283,368		.807	
July	45,528		328,896		.812	
August	51,736		380,632		.811	
September	47,296		427,928		.832	
October	50,788		478,716		.836	
November	45,680		524,396		.837	
December	41,735		566,131		.838	

<sup>1</sup> Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

<sup>2</sup> Revised 2007 data only.

## Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2006-2007

Month	Imports <sup>1</sup>				Exports <sup>1</sup>			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total <sup>2</sup>		Fresh		Frozen	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
1,000 Pounds								
January	415	4,381	2,644	12,056	73.5	69.7	34.3	0.0
February	417		2,491		63.7		15.3	
March	388		3,267		78.8		8.6	
April	403		3,119		68.4		21.2	
May	356		3,306		58.3		19.0	
June	909		4,424		49.7		12.5	
July	547		5,232		83.0		36.7	
August	819		8,991		106.6		15.2	
September	391		9,091		73.6		10.5	
October	1,406		10,672		56.4		11.8	
November	2,399		12,830		40.1		23.5	
December	3,421		8,897		79.3		4.9	

<sup>1</sup> Data furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., Pangasius spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish,  
Mississippi and United States, 2006-2007

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	1,169	1,033	88	5,103	4,488	88
February	773	2,126	275	3,970	6,038	152
March	7,980			20,048		
April	24,335			52,246		
May	37,972			80,433		
June	54,484			112,326		
July	61,063			124,208		
August	67,741			139,191		
September	55,565			112,525		
October	25,533			54,011		
November	5,824			16,948		
December	1,177			5,829		

## Mississippi Soybeans Average Yields, 2002-2006

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (bu)
Bolivar	5	38.3
Coahoma	5	35.8
Quitman	5	29.8
Tallahatchie	5	32.7
Tunica	5	30.2
District 10	5	34.6
Benton	5	29.5
Calhoun	5	30.6
Desoto	5	31.4
Grenada	3	26.9
Lafayette	2	27.7
Marshall	5	29.3
Panola	5	28.2
Tate	5	28.4
Yalobusha	3	29.2
District 20	5	29.7
Alcorn	5	27.6
Itawamba	4	25.5
Lee	5	23.4
Pontotoc	5	25.8
Prentiss	5	23.9
Tippah	5	33.3
Tishomingo	4	25.1
Union	5	27.2
District 30	5	25.7
Humphreys	5	32.8
Issaquena	5	35.6
Leflore	5	37.2
Sharkey	5	37.4
Sunflower	5	35.5
Washington	5	41.7
Yazoo	5	34.5
District 40	5	37.2

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (bu)
Carroll	5	31.2
Holmes	5	37.0
Madison	5	33.2
Montgomery	2	34.2
Rankin	3	42.0
Scott	1	32.1
District 50	5	35.3
Chickasaw	5	25.4
Clay	5	27.0
Lowndes	5	28.0
Monroe	5	26.3
Noxubee	5	30.7
District 60	5	27.6
Hinds	5	38.4
Jefferson	2	39.1
Warren	5	35.5
Wilkinson	1	36.1
District 70	5	36.1
District 80	5	32.5
District 90	5	33.9
State Average	5	34.1

The Agency did not publish a yield for every county each year. Whenever publication of county yields would reveal individual data, publication was suspended.

## Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, March 1, 2006-2007

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	11,544	11,858	103	7,107	6,847	96
East North Central	9,116	9,721	107	6,291	8,078	128
West North Central	23,500	28,711	122	7,892	8,939	113
South Atlantic	245,223	248,207	101	4,527	3,957	87
South Central	351,279	340,157	97	5,330	4,876	91
West	24,962	25,161	101	5,367	5,771	108
United States	665,624	663,815	100	36,514	38,468	105

## February Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	All Layers on Hand <sup>1</sup>		Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	8,897	8,604	38	26	119	123
Arkansas	14,481	14,561	86	92	164	161
Florida	11,406	11,216	222	223	8	9
Georgia	19,550	19,755	204	205	169	167
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>6,672</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>
North Carolina	11,073	11,902	73	88	126	128
South Carolina	5,075	4,807	84	73	17	19
Virginia	3,444	3,257	31	30	31	31
United States	350,018	347,005	5,983	5,916	997	998

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

<sup>2</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

## February Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	During January			January-February		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
Alabama	104,694	101,237	97	218,898	214,079	98
Arkansas	104,106	92,053	88	219,239	194,014	88
Florida	4,583	4,587	100	9,547	9,569	100
Georgia	112,868	114,722	102	236,701	242,665	103
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>61,738</b>	<b>62,342</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>130,840</b>	<b>129,491</b>	<b>99</b>
North Carolina	61,152	61,954	101	129,822	130,969	101
South Carolina	16,977	17,680	104	35,547	37,509	106
Virginia	21,089	20,513	97	44,637	43,635	98
United States	733,145	723,753	99	1,537,218	1,520,819	99

## Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, March 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	March 2006 Entire Month		February 2007 Entire Month		March 2007 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.06	---	3.44	---	3.36
Cotton, Upland	lb	.467	.500	.476	.480	.477 <sup>1</sup>	.472 <sup>1</sup>
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.54	---	6.98	---	6.74
Soybeans	bu	5.67	5.57	7.20	6.87	7.12	6.85
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.82	---	4.67	---	4.66
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	8.05	---	10.10	---	9.86
All Milk	cwt	---	12.60	---	14.90	---	15.50
Fluid	cwt	---	12.60	---	14.90	---	15.50
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.50	---	14.40	---	15.00
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	87.90	---	86.60	---	91.40
Cows	cwt	---	49.50	---	47.00	---	46.90
Calves	cwt	---	139.00	---	117.00	---	123.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	92.80	---	91.50	---	97.20
All Hogs	cwt	---	42.80	---	47.30	---	45.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	43.20	---	48.10	---	45.90
Sows	cwt	---	34.20	---	32.20	---	34.40
Broilers, Live	lb	---	3.70	---	.470	---	.500
Market Eggs	doz	.510 <sup>2</sup>	.499 <sup>2</sup>	.630 <sup>2</sup>	.627 <sup>2</sup>	.710	.681

--- Estimates not made.

<sup>1</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.